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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS WEEKLY REVIEW - JULY 29 (SUMMARY)

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1. POLITICAL ACTIVITY HAS INCREASED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES
FOLLOWING THE APRIL ELECTIONS THAT PRODUCED DIVIDED AND
PARTISAN CITY COUNCILS. THE LABOR-MAURITIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
PARTY ALLIANCE MINORITY BOYCOTTED A BEAU BASSIN COUNCIL
MEETING TWO WEEKS AGO IN PROTEST OVER THE MAURITIAN MILITANT
MOVEMENT'S (MMM) DICTATORIAL BEHAVIOR. A SIMILAR INCIDENT
OCCURRED THIS WEEK AT THE VACOAS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SESSION
WHEN THE MMM MINORITY STAGED A HIGHLY PUBLICIZED WALK-OUT
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TO SHOW DISPLEASURE OVER THE MAYOR'S (LABOR) RULING ON A
HOUSING ISSUE.

2. THE MMM CENTRAL COMMITTEE CENSURED HERVE MASSON, ONE
OF ITS MEMBERS, FOR HIS REMARKS PUBLISHED IN A FRENCH JOURNAL
LAST WEEK THAT HAD INDICATED A PRO-SOVIET CAST IN THE MMM'S
IDEOLOGICAL ORIENTATION.

3. THE LEADERS OF TWO POLITICAL PARTIES WHICH LOST IN LAST DECEMBER'S GENERAL ELECTIONS SPOKE OUT THIS WEEK TO CLARIFY THEIR PARTIES' POSITIONS. THE CHIEF OF THE MAURITIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (UDM) MAINTAINED THAT HIS PARTY REPRESENTED A TRUE "THIRD FORCE" WHICH WILL ATTRACT BROAD SUPPORT FROM THOSE DISSATISFIED WITH THE "TWO EXTREMES" (LABOR AND THE MMM) ONCE THE COUNTRY ENTERS THE INEVITABLE PERIOD OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CRISIS. THE HEAD OF THE RADICAL MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT - SOCIALIST PROGRESSIVE (MMM-SP) PARTY ADMITTED THAT HIS GROUP BELIEVED IN THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT AND HOPED EVENTUALLY TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNIST SYSTEM IN MAURITIUS.

4. THE GOM RENEWED A SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION THIS WEEK THAT WILL PERMIT MOSCOW TO CONTINUE OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS TO MAURITIAN STUDENTS AND TO EXCHANGE CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL WITH MAURITIUS.

5. NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION, AND THE NATIONAL TRADE UNION FRONT OVER THE LATTER'S DEMAND FOR A 22 PER CENT GENERAL WAGE INCREASE PRODUCED SOME SOFTENING OF THE POSITIONS OF BOTH MANAGEMENT AND THE UNIONS. WHILE EACH SIDE LABELLED THE OTHER'S AS "UNACCEPTABLE," THE GOVERNMENT WITHHELD ITS POSITION UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

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